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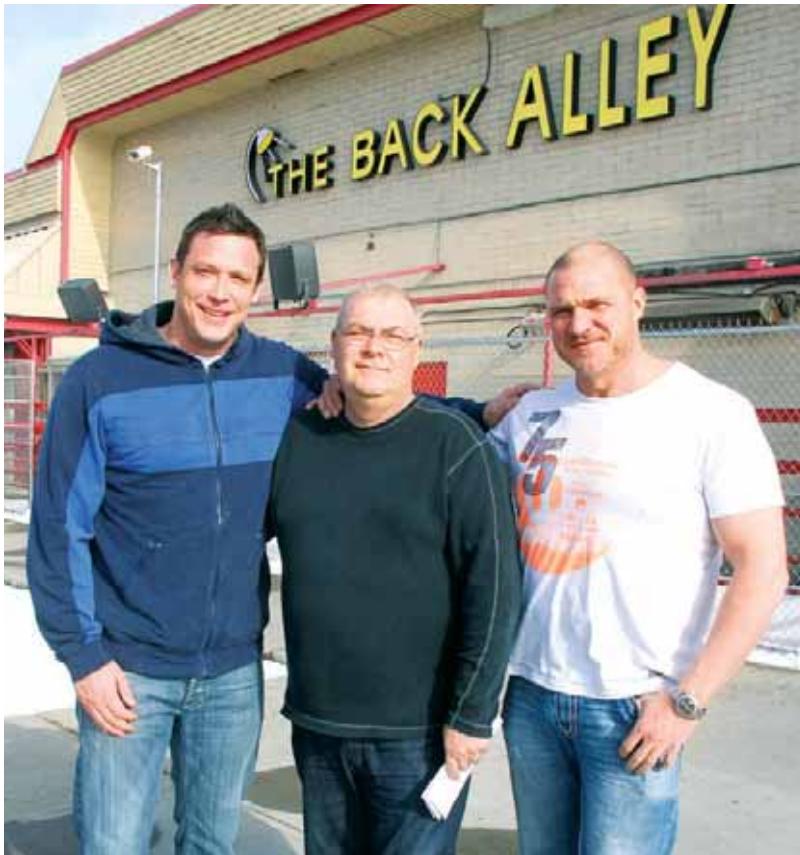


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BACK ALLEY'S LAST CALL

Back Alley's doors are closed and (from left) Jeremiah Jurcic, Doug Rasberry, and Omar Polyniak form the new ownership group that will transform the Back Alley into a new concept. The bar has a final bash planned for this weekend. Story, page 3. KATIE TURNER/METRO

Teachers reject latest contract deal

Stalemate. No other proposals likely to come forward before provincial budget release

Alberta classrooms are threatened, with teachers having rejected a last-ditch contract proposal from the province before next week's budget release, says the education minister.

The deal, proposed last week, would have seen a three-year salary freeze for educators followed by a two per cent hike in the fourth year.

Teachers would have also received a cash incentive equivalent to nearly \$1,850 for the average employee with 10 or more years experience if they signed on by week's end.

But Alberta Teachers' Association president Carol Hen-

derson deemed the deal less worthy than one shot down in December that forced a move to local bargaining with 62 separate school boards in the province. She said opposition to the proposal was unanimous among executive-council members.

"We have also heard from our members and have concluded the minister's offer would receive approval from teachers working with each and every school board," she said.

Henderson also accused the Education Minister Jeff Johnson of making "thinly veiled threats" about potential salary rollbacks in a letter outlining the new deal and said previous talk of legislating a contract was hampering local-bargaining efforts.

Johnson, however, claimed he was merely pointing out the realities associated with a

\$4-billion projected provincial deficit.

"All Albertans recognize that the budget is going to be a very challenging budget," he said. "There are going to be school boards in this province that have less money to work with next year than they had this year — and they may have even more kids in the classroom."

The ATA's public rejection of the contract came just an hour after the Alberta School Boards Association called the same offer a good "starting point."

The Calgary Catholic School District echoed that sentiment, advocating support for the deal.

Calgary Board of Education officials refused to specify Tuesday where trustee support fell on the deal during a vote Monday. However, a source told Metro they opposed it.

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Whitecourt

Three suspects nabbed after sheriff shot in courthouse scuffle

Three men are in custody after a backroom scuffle in a small-town courthouse ended with a sheriff being shot in the hand and a short-lived escape in the officer's vehicle.

The shooting took place just before noon on Tuesday in Whitecourt, where two local men were making their first court appearance after a drug bust last week.

An eyewitness said the disturbance began with what sounded like a fight in a hallway used to transport prisoners.

"You could hear behind the door where they keep prisoners to stand trial, you

could hear there was a fight happening between whom-ever," said Kathlene Campbell-Conlon, a reporter for radio station CFXW, who was in court to cover the appearances.

"The door shut, you heard more fights, you heard a couple of high-pitched screams, then two, maybe three gunshots."

The impact of the shots, she said, knocked hangings

off the wall inside the court. The immediate reaction among those in the room was panic. Everyone was pushing to get out and chairs were being thrown around, said Campbell-Conlon.

Once outside, she said bystanders tried to get help for the wounded officer.

"You (could) hear people saying, 'You have to call 911! We have to get an ambulance! This officer needs medical

attention!"

Then she watched the suspects flee.

Mayor Trevor Thain confirmed the prisoners escaped in the sheriff's van. Thain said the two escapees were arrested at a farmhouse about 10 kilometres south of Whitecourt.

He added that police detained a third man at the farmhouse.

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1 NEWS

Back Alley quietly closes its doors after two decades

Nightlife relic. Owners hint at plans to reopen as 'entertainment venue' under new ownership

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Partygoers were dismayed to learn that after more than two decades the popular Calgary nightclub the Back Alley has quietly closed its doors.

While the bar officially closed last weekend, according to Jeremiah Jurcic, one of the club's owners, one last blowout bash will be hosted on Saturday where customers are invited to "Drink The Alley Dry."

"The Alley will be closed forever," said Jurcic.

Doug Rasberry has owned the infamous Macleod Trail club since 1986, when it was

Denny Andrews American Bar. In late 1991, it was renovated and renamed the Back Alley Nightclub.

"About six months ago, we felt that we were getting old and tired and after 23 years, we certainly needed to do a renovation and update," said Rasberry. "We thought that it would be appropriate, if we were going to spend the type of money that you need to renovate 13,000 square feet, that we would bring an updated concept to the market."

Without revealing much about the new concept, Rasberry said they hope to reopen under a new ownership group in five to six months as an "entertainment venue."

"The response, obviously, from our customers is that they don't want to see us close, but the time has come for us to bring a new updated concept to the market."

Patrons took to the bar's Facebook page Tuesday asking

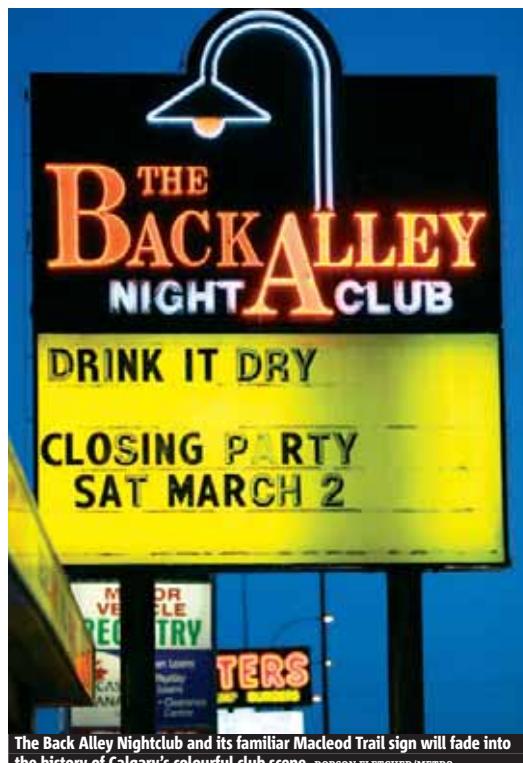
Last bash

- Cover will be free on Saturday, March 2 for the Drink The Alley Dry event.
- "Be sure to come (Saturday) and be the first people in Calgary to hear about the new and exciting concept coming soon!" reads a post on the event page.

the owners, who kept the closure under wraps, if it was really true that they were closing.

"I, like so many, also had some of my best and most memorable (surprising) years at The Alley, met all of my best friends, husband, coworkers, and also some very memorable odd people too that have made for some very colorful stories over the past 13 years," reads one Facebook post. "I am sad to see it go but so lucky to have been a part of such a legend."

Rasberry thanked their loyal customers for the "marvellous success" they've had over the years, adding he hopes they'll be patient enough to wait for the new venue.



The Back Alley Nightclub and its familiar Macleod Trail sign will fade into the history of Calgary's colourful club scene. ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO

Disappointed patrons

"They don't want to see us close, but the time has come for us to bring a new updated concept to the market." Alley Nightclub owner Doug Rasberry

Car-crash survivor reflects on dead friends



Zach Judd, the lone survivor of an accident that killed four of his football teammates, walks into court in Grande Prairie on Tuesday to attend the sentencing of Brenden Holubowich, who pleaded guilty to dangerous driving causing the players' deaths. JASON FRANSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

The lone survivor of a crash that killed four high-school football players in northern Alberta says he thought about suicide after the collision.

Zach Judd has told a court that when he heard that four of his teammates had died, he wished he had died too.

"I feel I should be dead instead of my friends," Judd said in a victim-impact statement Tuesday.

The teen was speaking at the sentencing hearing for Brenden Holubowich.

The 23-year-old pleaded guilty to dangerous driving causing death and dangerous driving causing bodily harm.

The Crown and defence have agreed to a prison sentence of three years and a driving prohibition for another three years.

Holubowich's pickup truck collided with a car carrying five members of the Warriors football team from Grande Prairie Composite High School on October 22, 2011.

Court heard Holubowich had earlier been drinking with co-workers at a Grande Prairie bowling alley and was driving at speeds as high as 151 km/h on Highway 668 on the way home to Wembley, Alta.

The football players had

Victims

- Walter Borden-Wilkins and Tanner Hildebrand, both 15, and Matthew Deller and Vince Stover, both 16, were killed.
- The judge will rule on the sentencing agreement Wednesday.

been at a party outside the city and were making a U-turn when the truck struck the car's rear driver's side.

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Calgary speed-skater Anastasia Bucsis hopes to use experience gained in Vancouver and guidance from more veteran competitors to steer her to glory at the Sochi Olympics next year. STEPHEN MAUNDER/CONTRIBUTED

Rising stars see benefit of Calgary Games legacy

Future contenders.

Push on to make Sochi Games roster in competitive sports



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Anastasia Bucsis wasn't even born when the Olympics came to Calgary, but the emerging speed-skating talent still relishes the benefits left behind for her and generations to come.

"That word legacy is the perfect way to describe it," said the 23-year-old born-and-raised Calgarian. "I feel like I grew up at the (Olympic) oval."

The first indoor speed-skating track used at a Games, the University of Calgary's oval continues to provide annual excitement as the fastest humans on ice go toe-to-toe and often shatter world records in the process.

When not in the spotlight



Tomorrow

In Thursday's Metro: How soon could Calgary get the Games back?

the oval ice is fellow Calgary native Gilmore Junio, 22.

Even younger than Bucsis, he too is well aware of the groundwork laid before his time.

"(The oval) is so close," said Junio, who's eyeing his first spot on an Olympic roster while attending classes at the U of C. "You can go to class, grab a bite at Mac Hall and then return to train all over again."

Bucsis started skating at age four and got her first taste of the Olympics in Vancouver, skating to 34th- and 35th-place finishes in the 500-metre event.

Now, she wants to contend at the 2014 Sochi Games.

"It's just about passion and heart and laying it out on the ice," she said.

Joining her every day on

the oval ice is fellow Calgary native Gilmore Junio, 22.

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An hour's drive west of the city, rising cross-country skiers like 24-year-old Calgary native Kevin Sandau are blazing the same trails as superstars before them at the Canmore Nordic Centre, built for the 1988 Games.

"You have some of the world's hardest trails right here," Sandau said. "There's definitely all the potential

Day 15 highlights

- Figure skater Katarina Witt of Russia skates to her second-consecutive gold medal, but the hometown crowd takes greater pleasure in watching Canadian Elizabeth Manley earn a silver.
- Canada's men's hockey team tops Czechoslovakia and winds up fourth, one spot shy of the medals.
- Riding the wave of his newfound fame, ski jumper Eddie "The Eagle" Edwards appears on Johnny Carson's Tonight Show
- Organizers make plans for a massive garage sale the week after the Games that will see 40,000 Olympic items.

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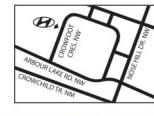
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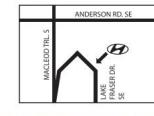
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City can claim less carbon offset than thought

Money back. Calgary learns renewable energy doesn't count toward carbon offsets



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Calgary counts its carbon offsets as an "asset" but recently learned that the annual credits it can claim will amount to

roughly \$2 million less than previously believed, according to a city report to be presented Wednesday.

It turns out the Alberta Offset System doesn't recognize "renewable-energy certificates," said Shannon Abbott of the environmental and safety management department.

Calgary has been "purchasing renewable electricity for many years," Abbott added, and city staff initially believed that would equate to 165,000 tonnes of carbon offsets annually.

The city registered 117,528 tonnes of offsets in 2012, which included historical offsets from 2002-2011, with a total potential market value of \$1.4 million, according to the report.

Abbott said 2012 marked the final year the city could claim historical credits.

Going forward, Calgary had set a goal of generating 200,000 tonnes of offsets each year, but in light of the ineligibility of renewable energy credits, city administration is now asking that goal to be cancelled.

But Ald. Brian Pincott, who chairs the city's utilities and corporate-services committee, isn't convinced that's a good idea.

"Just because it's harder to hit the target doesn't mean that we get rid of the target altogether," he said.

The offsets provide the city with options, according to the report, including the opportunity to "mitigate regulatory compliance risk, to meet voluntary reduction targets or to generate revenue."



Calgary purchases large amounts of energy from renewable sources such as wind-powered generators, but the city recently learned it won't get carbon-offset credit for doing so. JACK DEMPSEY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS / NEXTERA ENERGY RESOURCES

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Not exactly bros. Mayor, CHBA relationship still not 'normalized'

Despite a "positive" meeting with the mayor Tuesday morning, the local Canadian Home Builders Association president says the influential industry group's relationship with the city remains strained.

"We're not there yet, but I do feel there is a commitment from both sides to get back to normalized relations," Charon Ungar, president of the CHBA Calgary branch, told Metro following his meeting with Mayor Naheed Nenshi.

The two met after the



Charon Ungar METRO FILE

mayor informed the CHBA last week that it would be suspended from participating in city advisory committees until it apologized for comments Ungar made in January regarding a suburban "development freeze."

Ungar maintains the comments were taken out of context, and the mayor described them on Monday as "spreading incorrect information."

In a written statement, Nenshi described Tuesday's meeting as "productive" and said "both parties have committed to work together to find a way forward."

"I'm confident that the parties will reach a mutually satisfactory solution," the mayor stated.

Ungar said he appreciated the chance to talk directly with Nenshi.

"He did devote a considerable amount of time to our association to discuss what our concerns were," Ungar said. "And we, in turn, heard what his concerns were."

ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO

Compassion conflict

Queue-jumping inquiry hears from bioethics expert

An expert in bioethics says queue-jumping in the health system is never a black-and-white issue.

Dr. Lynette Reid of Dalhousie University says doctors and other caregivers often have to resolve conflicts between personal compassion and community responsibility.

Reid was giving expert testimony to Alberta's Preferential Access Inquiry, which is looking to determine if there is queue-jumping going on in the provincial system.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Inadequate response

ERCB slams oil company over pipeline spill

Alberta's energy regulator is sharply critical of a company responsible for a massive 2011 oil-pipeline spill that fouled land in the northwest part of the province.

The Energy Resources Conservation Board has issued four high-risk enforcement actions against Plains Midstream Canada.

The board has cited the company for not properly digging the pipeline, inadequate operating and maintenance as well as inadequate leak detection and response. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Penguin breeding to continue at Calgary Zoo, despite recent death



Asa, a king penguin, was the first penguin to lay an egg at the Calgary Zoo, but the egg failed to develop. COURTESY SERGEI BELSKI/CALGARY ZOO

Chick watch. Keepers were hopeful king penguin Asa would produce another egg

Despite having lost the only penguin to produce an egg thus far at the Penguin Plunge exhibit, Calgary Zoo officials remain optimistic about the

chances of breeding in the future.

The zoo announced Sunday that Asa, a six-year-old king penguin, died following a respiratory infection.

Area curator Malu Celli said keepers were sad to lose Asa, not only because of their emotional attachment to the bird but because they were hopeful she would produce an egg again.

Asa first laid an egg in September 2012, but the egg was not fertilized by her partner, Tut, who is still quite young.

"Because she produced an egg last year, we know that she was a keen breeder," said Celli.

"We did have high hopes that later on when her (partner) was mature, and a viable mate for her, that they would be a successful breeding pair."

Celli said they still have high hopes that other breeding pairs will form between the now four male and three female king penguins, and chicks will one day be hatched. "We're just kind of letting nature take its course," she said. "We'll certainly continue to hope for eggs and chicks in the future, even though Asa is not with us."

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Premier pens pro-Keystone column for USA Today

Premier Alison Redford took her message on the Keystone XL pipeline across the United States Tuesday in the daily newspaper USA Today.

In a guest column published in the newspaper, Redford touts the benefits of the pipeline, which — if approved — would take heavy oil from Alberta to refineries on the U.S. Gulf Coast.

But Redford also emphasizes Alberta's record on the

environment and its commitment to reducing climate change.

"Through our actions, we must also be a global leader in environmental management. Projects like Keystone XL only reinforce our commitment to responsible oilsands development. We can have it both ways. And we will," writes Redford.

The premier notes that Alberta has a levy on heavy



Premier Alison Redford

METRO FILE

carbon emitters, is redirecting that money into clean energy projects and is taking steps to mitigate the environmental impact from oilsands projects.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

'Bitumen bubble'
PST pushed by research group

The Conference Board of Canada has added its voice to the choir calling on Alberta to implement a provincial sales tax to offset its revenue shortfall.

The independent, not-for-profit research group says a sales tax would provide a quick fix as the province's bottom line continues to bleed red ink due to falling oil-and-gas revenue. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Update. Dog found with elastic around neck now 'flourishing'

The Calgary Humane Society says a dog that was neglected and found with an elastic around his neck is now recovering and in a new, happy home.

In January 2012, peace officers responded to a file regarding a Bichon Frisé. When they arrived, they found the dog, six-year-old Nicky, in distress and the owner surrendered him to the society.

"Once in the clinic, it was determined that Nicky had an intact rubber band embedded

in his neck, causing lacerations and considerable damage to underlying tissues," reads a statement from the society. "Veterinarians estimate ... that the band had been present on Nicky's neck for six to eight weeks."

After being fostered, Nicky was adopted and has since "flourished." His former owner received a \$1,500 fine and a 10-year prohibition from owning or caring for animals.

KATIE TURNER/METRO

Tourists bathed in fire in most lethal balloon accident on record



Egypt. At least 19 dead, with two others suffering severe burns

A hot-air balloon carrying tourists over Egypt's ancient city of Luxor caught fire Tuesday, and some passengers trying to escape the flames leaped to their deaths before the craft crashed in a sugar-cane field. At least 19 tourists were killed in what is believed to be the world's deadliest ballooning accident.

The accident was a new blow to Egypt's tourism industry, which has been gutted by the country's turmoil the past two years.

The crash raised accusations that authorities have let safety standards fall amid the political instability, though the civil aviation chief insisted his ministry keeps stringent inspections.

The balloon was carrying 20 tourists — from France, Britain, Belgium, Hungary,

Japan and Hong Kong — and an Egyptian pilot on a flight over Luxor, officials said.

"I saw tourists catching fire, and they were jumping from the balloon. They were trying to flee the fire, but it was on their bodies," said Hassan Abdel-Rasoul, a farmer in al-Dhabaa. He said one of those he saw on fire was a visibly pregnant woman.

Bodies of the dead tourists were scattered across the field.

The crash immediately killed 18, according to Luxor's governor, Ezzat Saad. Two Britons and the Egyptian pilot were taken to the hospital, but one of the Britons died of his injuries soon after. The other Briton and the Egyptian, who state media said suffered severe burns, were flown to Cairo for further treatment.

The Department of Foreign Affairs in Ottawa says the Canadian Embassy in Cairo has confirmed that no Canadians have been affected.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The accident



The launch site shortly before the explosion.

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The balloon was landing when a cable got caught around a helium tube and a fire erupted, according to an investigator with the state prosecutor's office.

- Escalation. The balloon then shot up in the air, the investigator said. The fire set off an explosion of a gas canister and the balloon plunged some 300 metres to the ground, according to an Egyptian security official.

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Pistorius' testimony may damn him on lesser charge

Could see 'culpable homicide' charge. No provision for shooting at unknown target

Even if Oscar Pistorius is acquitted of murder, firearms and legal experts in South Africa believe that, by his own account, the star athlete violated gun-handling regulations and exposed himself to a homicide charge by shooting into a closed door without knowing who was behind it.

Pistorius testified that he shot at the door, fearing but not knowing for certain that an intruder was on the other side. Instead, it was Pistorius' girlfriend, Reeva Steenkamp. Prosecutors charged Pistorius with premeditated murder.

South Africa has stringent laws regulating the use of lethal force for self-protection. In order to get a firearm permit, applicants must not only know those rules but must demonstrate proficiency with the weapon and knowledge of its safe handling, making it very tough to legally own a gun.

"There is no situation in South Africa that allows a person to shoot at a threat that is not identified," said Andre Pretorius, president of the Professional Firearm Trainers Council. Experts said that even if the prosecution fails to prove premeditated murder, firing through a closed door could bring a conviction for the charge of culpable homicide, equivalent to manslaughter.

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Loss
Pistorius plans own memorial

Oscar Pistorius planned his own memorial service Tuesday for Reeva Steenkamp.

The service would be at the home of his uncle Arnold, where the athlete has been staying since he was released on bail awaiting trial.

Pistorius' reputation-management firm said he had requested the service "as he remains in deep mourning for the loss of his partner Reeva."

the home of Sen. Patrick Brazeau escalated into a physical and sexual confrontation.

The police warrant details allegations by a woman in Brazeau's home who says he punched her, choked her, tore her pants off and pushed her down a flight of stairs.

The complainant also

alleges Brazeau aggressively grabbed her breast and another area of her body, called her vulgar names, spit in her face, and tore up a bra and blouse she was trying to pack.

Brazeau, 38, has formally pleaded not guilty to charges of assault and sexual assault.

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Sen. Patrick Brazeau
detailed in warrant**

A search warrant filed in court says an ongoing argument over aboriginal issues at

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Netherlands. Amsterdam moving to protect sex workers, reduce crime

Amsterdam plans to raise the minimum age for prostitutes to 21 from 18 and force brothels to close during early morning hours.

At a press conference Tuesday, Mayor Eberhard van der Laan said the moves came from a decision to crack down on crime in the city's famed Red Light District and protect sex workers from abuse.

Amsterdam is home to about 8,000 professional sex workers, the city estimates, half of whom operate behind windows with red velvet curtains and red lights. Under the new regime, all windows would be closed from 4 to 9 a.m. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



Advertisements for sex shops are everywhere in Amsterdam's Red Light District. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Swiss Red Cross cutting back on blood to Greece

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Aid organization says it will halve shipments to struggling country, citing bad credit

The Swiss Red Cross is slashing its supply of donor blood to Greece because the financially stricken country has failed to pay its bills on time, the head of the group's transfusion service said Tuesdays.

Rudolf Schwabe confirmed Swiss media reports that Greece had run up debts of several million Swiss francs in the past. While those debts have since been repaid, the non-profit SRC has decided to halve its blood shipments to Greece in the coming years in order to limit its financial risk, he



Thalassemia patients among those who need blood in Greece but Swiss Red Cross cuts supply. **GETTY IMAGES**

said.

Greece's international creditors have demanded the government cut spending on pharmaceutical products as part of bailout agreements.

The Swiss blood sent to Greece comes from unused emergency stockpiles and is designated for humanitarian use. In the past, the SRC charged Greece five million Swiss francs (\$5.4 million US) to cover its costs for supplying 28,000 blood packets a year.

The Swiss blood shipped to Greece helps meet demand from the country's thalassemia sufferers. An estimated 3,000 people in Greece with a severe form of this genetic disorder — also known as Mediterranean anemia — need regular transfusions amounting to some 130,000 packets a year.

"That's why we had long talks with the Greek Health Ministry," Schwabe said.

The Swiss will reduce their shipments to Greece to 14,000 packets a year by 2020. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



Quebec students on the march, yet again

A protester known as Anarchapanda walks past police during a demonstration by students in Montreal, Tuesday. The PQ government cancelled the Liberals' proposed tuition hikes and on Monday announced scaled-down increases of its own at an education summit. The PQ will raise tuition by one-fifth of the Liberal plan — \$70 per year. Meanwhile, more student protests were planned starting with the march on Tuesday.

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California

Zoo's bald eagle is recovered

A feast of quail and mouse led to the capture of a California zoo's bald eagle after three days on the lam.

The Palo Alto Junior Museum and Zoo's tame 24-year-old bald eagle Sequoia was enjoying exercise Saturday when instead of returning to handlers, she flew north and roosted in a park. When found, the famished bird dropped from her tree to the arm of a trainer who gave her the feast.

She had flown north and roosted in Menlo Park.

Strong winds had spooked her. But Sequoia survived her trip to Redwood City.

Sequoia ventured out on her own eight times while at her previous zoo.

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Austria

Attempted car theft or elaborate pre-snooze ritual?

As in any place, dozing off behind the wheel in Austria can prove to be deadly.

But for one teenager, it could result in a charge of attempted car theft.

State broadcaster ORF cites police saying that they have identified a 17-year-old male as the likely suspect after a woman found her vehicle partially hot-wired, a door forced open and a youth apparently drunk and fast asleep inside.

ORF said Tuesday the culprit rewired the vehicle to its normal state and walked off after being discovered Sunday.

He was traced after the owner reported the incident to police.

A policeman in Salzburg province confirmed the incident on the phone.

But he refused to identify either himself or those involved.

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Employment

Help-wanted ads point to strong job creation in February

The Conference Board of Canada says the country's employment prospects are picking up after going through a two-month soft patch. The think-tank says its help-wanted index for January jumped a strong 10 per cent, with 25 of 27 metro areas posting increases.

The index suggests Canada returned to positive job growth in February after shedding 22,000 workers in January. The Conference Board research shows labour markets remain tightest in the West, particularly Regina, Saskatoon, Calgary and Edmonton.

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File-sharing

Legal threats prompt Pirate Bay to leave Sweden

Embattled file-sharing site The Pirate Bay is looking for safe havens in Norway and Spain after its Swedish host came under legal pressure to shut it down.

The Swedish Pirate Party, a small political party advocating transparency and freedom online, has provided Internet access to the site for the past three years.

But it's handing over those duties to sister parties in Norway and Spain's Catalonia region following legal threats from the Rights Alliance, a Swedish anti-piracy group representing the entertainment industry.

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Never mind horsemeat – in South Africa, mystery beef includes donkey

Misrepresented meat.

New study found 68 per cent of samples contained species not declared on label

Worried about horsemeat in your beef? Try water buffalo, donkey and goat. South African food scientists said they have found all three in mislabelled foods including beef burgers, ground beef and sausages.

A study published by three professors at Stellenbosch University found that 68 per cent of 139 samples contained species not declared on the product label, with the highest incidence in sausages, burger patties and deli meats.

The study found soya and gluten were not labelled in 28 per cent of products tested, and undeclared pork in 37 per cent and chicken in 23 per cent.

"This study confirms that the mislabelling of processed meats is commonplace in



Horrified that these cute little fellas might end up in so-called beef products? They're probably not happy about it either. Food scientists in South Africa have found undeclared donkey, water buffalo and goat in processed meat products, thus confirming that the EU is not alone in the battle against mislabelling.

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South Africa and not only violates food-labelling regulations but also poses economic, religious, ethical and health impacts," said co-author Prof. Louwrens C. Hoffman.

He said tests the past two weeks on hundreds of samples of imported meat have found no horsemeat.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Quoted

"There's nothing wrong with eating donkey if you like donkey, but if you don't, you have the right to know."

Prof. Louwrens C. Hoffman

iTunes. Apple settlement to award \$100M in credits

Apple has agreed to give more than \$100 million in iTunes-store credits to settle a lawsuit alleging that the iPhone and iPad maker improperly charged kids for playing games on their mobile devices.

The two-year-old case centres on allegations that Apple didn't create adequate parental controls to prevent children from buying extra features while playing free games on iPhones and iPads in 2010 and 2011.

Parents who filed the lawsuit in 2011 said they didn't realize their children were racking up the charges until they received bills or other notifications after the purchases were made. The games that had been downloaded were designed for kids as young as four years old, according to the lawsuit.

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Le gouvernement du Québec is in trouble because its overzealous language police tried to ban the word "pasta" from the menu of an Italian restaurant.

"Pâtes" doesn't quite have the same ring, but it's all part of a legitimate effort to preserve the French language in the face of creeping ... Italian.

Of course, the story went viral and now le gouvernement is calling off les chiens.

Trying to write in both official languages is exhausting. So I'm stopping. Maintenant, er, now.

The point is that taking care of the language is a thankless task. We should worry less about giving our francophone cousins a tough time about their vigilance and concentrate on our own English-language transgressions, which are légion.

In fact, Quebec has given me a good idea. I'm going to assemble my own language police and send violation notices by Twitter, which should make me even more popular than usual.

The hardest thing is where to start. If we ban the use of the word "like" except in its proper context, that is: "I like ice cream," an entire generation will be struck dumb. Same with other ubiquitous language shrapnel such as "Oh, my God" and "awesome," which is not.

As bad as those are, they're nothing compared to the battery of baloney designed to make the user appear smarter or more well-read. Regardez: "Irregardless," which is a faux gilding of the lily known as "regardless."

The ultimate tipoff that you're dealing with a suspected language violator is "tact," which actually means "diplomacy," but is often used as a word meaning "tactic" or "approach." Tact is short for tactic, no? The shortest distance between two ideas?

No.

The actual term is "tack," which is a nautical term for an effective way to make forward progress into a headwind. Once you've learned to tack, you'll never go back. But we need to deal sternly with all those clever tacticians if we're to make any headway.

The biggest challenge for my new Grammar Gendarmes, I predict, will be jargon, which is a mélange (stop that!) of acronyms and catchy phrases that make the offender sound as if he's speaking Esperanto from a script by Steve Jobs.

For example: "POTUS will do his due diligence and nominate from within his own wheelhouse for the next SCOTUS vacancy." Even l'office québécois de la langue française would have trouble figuring out if that's English, Italian or Klingon. That's punditry gone wild, and should read: "After careful consideration, the U.S. president will nominate a political ally to fill the next vacancy on the Supreme Court."

America is suffering from a language recession and may be a lost cause. But ici Canada, we still maintiens le droit. Vive la difference!

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metres is the height of this column. The intrepid youth, dressed in traditional warrior garb, run up and hop on a small, round stone to gain momentum and height before soaring feet first over the block. In the past, the block was topped with sharpened bamboo stakes.

Until the 1950s, locals would erect monoliths, "owasa," used for ceremonies. Experts have never found stone-jumping sites elsewhere in Indonesia, pointing to the island's uniqueness in the megalithic tradition.

Nias Island is last megalithic culture

The island of Nias, dominated by mountainous terrain and ravines, has been described as having one of the world's last megalithic cultures.

In Orahili Fau village, Nias Island, some 1,200 kilometres northwest of Jakarta, young men take part in stone jumping, "fahombo batu," a manhood ritual of leaping over stone towers — a feat which in the past has resulted in serious injury and death. METRO

Count number of jumps, not heads

In traditional Nias society, "mangani binu" (decapitation of enemies) was a principal ritual for young men.

Nowadays, instead of the number of skulls a person acquired determining one's social status, it is based on how many stones could be jumped over. But the use of traditional weapons in local ceremonies is a reminder of this ritual. METRO

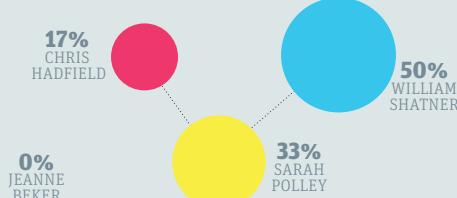


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Miles Teller, left, Justin Chon and Skylar Astin star in Relativity Media's 21 & Over. HANDOUT

Miles Teller draws the line at French kissing

21 & Over. Star had difficult time agreeing to some scenes in new movie

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Miles Teller insists he's generally game for anything once he's signed on to a film, but as he learned on 21 & Over — the directorial debut of The Hangover writers Jon Lucas and Scott Moore — there were some lengths to which Teller wasn't quite willing to go for the sake of comedy.

Diving right into the nudity issue, there are a few very bold scenes for you in this. How do you psyche yourself up for that?

Or not. I mean, I know when

you read the script or agree to do a movie, you know you're going to agree to do everything. The nudity stuff, I just made sure I worked out, you know what I mean? Because some movies you don't have time. You can work out before a movie, but then when you're shooting there's really no time. I know some actors do it, and people should really give them credit because they're working 14 hours a day, it's exhausting, and then working out and getting like five hours of sleep. It's pretty tough. So for this I just made sure I worked out, and the (guy-on-guy) kissing scene was something I tried to get rid of for a while. I was literally like pretty upset about that. And then we did it and it was just like CPR.

You were upset about it?
Kiss a guy? Yes. Inevitably, I did it for comedy. But they

wanted me to use the tongue and I said, "Nope. It's not that funny, man."

These guys are known for going pretty far for a joke. Was there anything else where you had to draw the line?

No. I mean, there was a point where me and Skylar were shackled up and were getting spanked. At one point the shackles broke, so I had to bend over and fix it and s—, and there was all these girls around, and I was just like, "I'm sorry about some a—hole." Then I just went down and fixed it. Other than that, I felt pretty safe. The humour that these guys write, they're both extremely intelligent. And it's funny, it's well-written, it's not, like, dumb comedy. I never felt like I was doing cheesy or manipulative stuff. I felt pretty comfortable with everything.

What's your own most dramatic drinking anecdote?

I just remember the only time I had alcohol poisoning, when I was literally puking black, and I was just like, "This is bad." Nothing black should ever come out of your body, you know what I mean? Especially out of your mouth. There's some crazier s— I'm sure, but if you remember it then it probably wasn't that good.

How did your own college experience compare to this?

Not at all. I mean, NYU is just, like, New York. I mean, New York is your college campus, and when I was in college I smoked a lot of weed and played a lot of FIFA. That was pretty much what I did. But I grew up in Florida. Florida State's a pretty stereotypical party college. Anywhere in the South, anywhere in the sun with a college with a good sports team is going to be fun.

Nicholas Hoult is having some Giant success

Nicholas Hoult has already had plenty of success this year with last month's zombie rom-com, Warm Bodies, but now he's on to a much bigger adventure as Jack in Jack the Giant Slayer, director Bryan Singer's take on the classic tale. Plus, he has another little comic book movie with Singer lined up next.

When you finally get a horse-riding role, it's one of those signs that you've made it.

I don't know if I've necessarily made it, but it's very

cool to be a part of a film of this scale. People often say they can ride a horse even when they can't, even when they've never sat on a horse in their life. It's just a given. You read anyone's C.V. and it will say that they can ride a horse. And then if they get a horse-riding role then they'll panic and try and learn to ride quickly.

Congratulations on the success of Warm Bodies. Have you noticed any palpable changes in your life now that you have a hit movie out?

Not particularly. To be honest with you, that weekend I went down to Africa to start shooting a film down there and then got back yesterday morning, so I was kind of kept out of it a little bit.

You're going back to work with Bryan Singer again with X-Men: Days of Future Past.

He's a really talented director and really knowledgeable about film, and can really break down stories and characters and understands how to move a story forward at all times. He's fantastic

in the X-Men world, really understands it. I haven't spoken to him in-depth about this next one yet, but I know he's really excited about it, and that's a great sign. I'm looking forward to playing that role again.

The new film seems to mix actors from different time periods of the franchise, like Ian McKellan and Ellen Page, then you and Jennifer Lawrence. Are you giving much thought to how you'll be interacting with them yet?

You know what, the odd

21 and Over
Birthdays are universal

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Paris Hilton once said, "The way I see it, you should live everyday like it's your birthday." Of course she would think that way. She's young. And rich.

Like death and taxes, birthdays are one of the events that touch everyone's lives. Not everyone loves to celebrate getting older — "There is still no cure for the common birthday," said John Glenn — but Hollywood seems to enjoy throwing birthday parties — on screen at least. This weekend in 21 & Over a med school student makes merry on his birthday with two of his besties. But like so many movie birthday parties it goes horribly wrong — or horribly right if you have a taste for humiliation, extreme drunkenness and debauchery.

Horror movies have frequently used birthday parties as a backdrop for terror. The alien invasion movie Signs made Bravo's 100 Scariest Movie Moments list for a scene showing news footage of an alien at a child's birthday party in Brazil.

The film Logan's Run is set in an idyllic future. There's just one huge drawback — on your 21st birthday you will be vaporized into a sticky goo during a ritual called the Carousel.

Not all movie birthdays are bummers, however.

Despite hiring a drunken clown to perform at his nephew Miles's (Macaulay Culkin) birthday, Uncle Buck, played by the late, great John Candy, does the best he can to throw a great birthday party. The best part? He makes giant pancakes — they're so extreme they now have their own Facebook page with 290 likes — boasting, "You should see the toast. I couldn't even get it through the door!"

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thing was it was fantastic doing our version, First Class, but suddenly this time when I heard that Hugh Jackman and Ian McKellan and Patrick Stewart and those guys were coming back and that I was going to be in it, it suddenly became a much more real X-Men film in many ways — as much as ours did when we were doing it, we were all new to it and it was a different time and take on it. So to be part of one of the films with all those characters is going to be really exciting for me as a fan.

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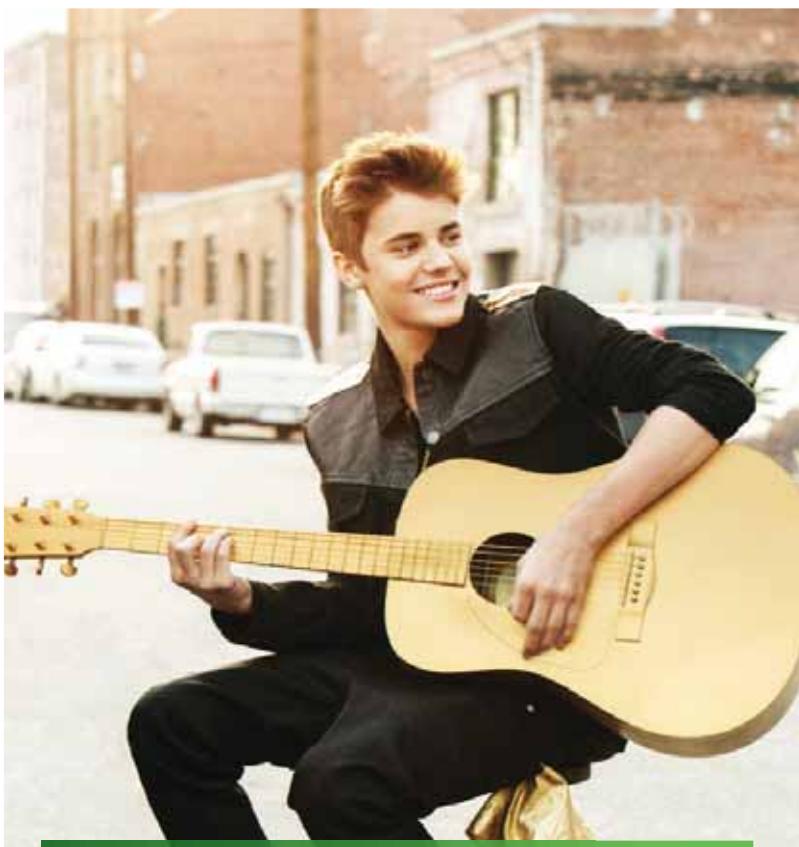
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Lohan looking to change her ways — no, really

It may be a case of too little too late, but Lindsay Lohan is reportedly looking to change her ways — and her lawyer is asking for her current probation violation case to be delayed so that she can do just that, according to TMZ.

Her new attorney, Mark Heller, has asked for a continuance, arguing that Lohan "is pursuing and participating in certain activities which will benefit her and afford her more of an opportunity to be a productive and responsible person and contributor to society," court documents reveal. The documents further state that Lohan "has made a commitment to herself to elevate her life and participate in activities which will advance her desire to lead a model life."



Prince Michael Jackson

Into the spotlight: Prince getting into Hollywood

Prince Michael Jackson, the 16-year-old son of the late Michael Jackson, is wasting no time in getting into the entertainment industry. The Hollywood Reporter has learned that Jackson will make his acting debut as a guest star on *90210*, playing a trauma victim on the CW drama. And just last week Jackson began working with Entertainment Tonight as a special on-air correspondent.

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MacFarlane keeps on entertaining

Apparently Seth MacFarlane didn't get his need to perform out of his system at the Oscars Sunday night, as the host also took the stage for a few numbers at his private after-party in front of family and friends, according to E! News.

He also celebrated the night by getting cosy with Charlize Theron. "Charlize was very chatty with Seth and they shared a laugh in between his performances," a source says. "The party wasn't packed, but everyone seemed to be enjoying the singing and dancing."

Theron reportedly stayed at the shindig for quite a while. **METRO WORLD NEWS**

His memorable opening song

Maybe you found Oscar host Seth MacFarlane hilarious or offensive or neither or both. Either way, you surely remember his opening num-

ber, We Saw Your Boobs. In the song, he called out Meryl Streep, Anne Hathaway and other notable actresses for showing their stuff (including Jodie Foster in the rape movie *The Accused* — ha-ha Seth?).

Celebrity porn website Mr. Skin has now collected clips from every film mentioned. Good marketing! Timely! Gross? **METRO**

Once is more than enough

It looks like it's one and done at the Oscars for Seth MacFarlane. The Family Guy creator was asked on his Twitter account whether he'd consider hosting the Academy Awards again and he replied: "No way. Lotta fun to have done it, though."

MacFarlane's edgy comedy proved a polarizing force on Sunday's Academy Awards, with jokes about domestic violence, women's bodies and Jews in Hollywood that offended some viewers. The Oscars did get their biggest audience in three years, however, with particular growth among young viewers.

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With azure waters and a long list of big game fishing world records and tropical reef fish to see, it's no wonder author and sportsman Ernest Hemingway spent a decade of winters in the Florida Keys. The Overseas Highway, or U.S. Route 1, strings together more than 50 small islands with a swashbuckling past that rise above an ancient coral reef. Here, whether it's by sailboat or jet ski, riding on the water is the only to get around.

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Key West

The quirky character of Key West, with its sun-drenched colours and retro '80s motel signs, finds roosters roaming public parks alongside cats and buskers. Here, Hemingway's house is now filled with a brood of 43 felines descended from six-toed Snowball, who belonged to the adventurous author. The house stands across from a 164-year-old lighthouse warning ships and their treasure about the treacherous reef shores. Ride out on the water around the island and round the tip of the southernmost point of the U.S. Spot colourful reef fish while snorkelling and you will see just how important the life aquatic is to the keys.

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reasons to visit the Florida Keys



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Big Pine Key, Bahia Honda State Park

Take the road north from Key West and enter miles of leafy mangroves growing around a series of smaller keys that the beloved manatee calls home. From the Overseas Highway, you can see the remains of the historic railroad Standard Oil partner Henry Flagler used to pave a way into the area in 1912. Entering Big Pine Key, look for an endangered white-tailed deer half the size of ones found in Canada. The most natural sandy beaches in the keys are found here, where sea sponges regularly wash up on shore at Bahia Honda State Park.

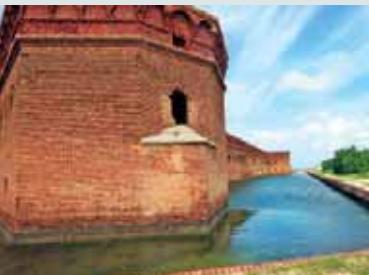
Marathon, Pigeon Key

Locals give the keys their character and on Marathon, Turtle Hospital founder Richie Moretti, a one-time mechanic, is excited to share his passion for the gentle beasts. You can visit his recovering loggerhead, Ridley and green sea turtle patients, who are then released back into the wild. Pieces of the original Flagler railway that linked the island keys in 1912 come closely into focus travelling to Marathon. Grab some lobster tacos at the Sunset Grille, a tiki bar near the Pigeon Key ferry and sip from their line of kitschy cocktails that come in collectible mugs, including the Magic Marlin and Pina' Pineapple.



Dry Tortugas (Lower Keys)

Big Pine Key and the lower keys of Dry Tortugas National Park are unspoiled in their beauty. Spanish explorer Juan Ponce de León discovered these islands 500 years ago in 1513. The hundreds of sea turtles he and his men found basking on the shoals gave the islands their name. A high speed ferry of sea plane from Key West will get you to the Tortugas, the most remote of America's National Parks. Just west of the Marquesas Keys are coral reefs where an experienced diver can feel as though they're a character in Finding Nemo.



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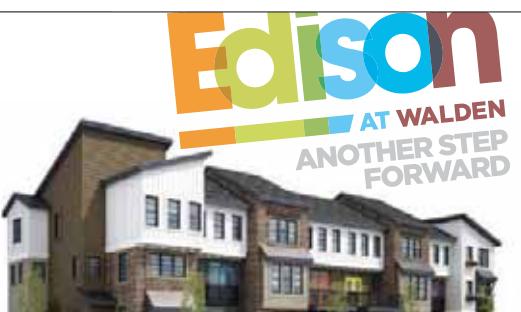
Hollywood actor Humphrey Bogart left his mark on the keys when he starred in the film noir gangster flick Key Largo. The story of Bogie holing up in a hotel during a hurricane, only to find it swarming with gangsters, became so popular the area changed its original Spanish name. It was no longer Cayo Largo, the longest key. This area is also known as the diving capital of the world. If you don't have time to take a scuba crash course, travel on a glass-bottomed boat from John Pennekamp Coral Reef State Park.



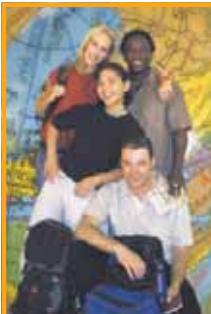
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These petite cheesecakes are perfect for one serving and leave none to go to waste.

They can also be ready sooner than a regular-sized cheesecake, since they chill much faster. Baking the cheesecakes in a water bath — a pan filled with water — keeps them moist and prevents them from sinking in the middle.

Serve them with fresh berries or a fruit-based dessert sauce and a dusting of icing sugar. I like to garnish with a drizzle of melted fruit sorbet, such as mango or raspberry.

1. Preheat the oven to 350 F. Line a 12-cup muffin tin with paper muffin liners.

2. Combine the ricotta, cream cheese, sour cream, egg, vanilla, lemon juice, zest, flour and sugar in a food processor and process until smooth and creamy. Divide the mixture among the prepared muffin cups.

3. Set the muffin tin in a larger pan or on a baking sheet

with sides. Pour enough hot water into the pan to come one-third to one-half up the sides of the muffin cups.

4. Bake in the centre of the oven for 20 minutes.

5. Remove the muffin tin from the water bath and cool to room temperature on a rack. Chill for 1 hour.

6. To serve, remove the paper liners and place on individual serving plates. Garnish with berries and a sprinkle of icing sugar.

ROSE REISMAN'S COMPLETE LIGHT KITCHEN (WHITECAP BOOKS) BY ROSE REISMAN

Ingredients

- 1 1/2 cups smooth light ricotta
- 3/4 cup light cream cheese, softened
- 1/2 cup light sour cream
- 1 egg
- 1 tsp pure vanilla extract
- 2 tbsp freshly squeezed lemon juice
- 1 tsp grated lemon zest
- 2 tbsp all-purpose flour
- 2/3 cup granulated sugar

New-York-Style Miniature Cheesecakes



This recipe makes 12 cheesecakes. BRIAN MACDONALD FROM ROSE REISMAN'S COMPLETE LIGHT KITCHEN (WHITECAP BOOKS)

Drink of the Week

Cinnabomb

A tasty explosion of three types of alcohol with ginger ale, this Cinnabomb is sure to be a crowd please at any get-together.

- .5 oz Smirnoff Vanilla Vodka
- .5 oz Grand Marnier
- .5 oz Goldschlager
- Cinnamon/sugar for rim
- Ginger ale
- Cranberries for garnish

Shake alcohol with ice in shaker.

Rim glass with cinnamon sugar. Add fresh ice to martini glass.

Strain shaker contents into fresh ice. Top with ginger ale.

Float 3 cranberries on top of ice. Add a cocktail straw and serve. **PHOTO AND RECIPE: FIRKIN PUBS, FIRKINPUBS.COM**



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Impress prospective employers with an infographic resumé

Visual data.

Attractive image-based format gives a quick view of job history

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On average, employers spend somewhere around 45 seconds reviewing a resumé.

Resumé writing aims to help the employer to effortlessly extract and retain the most vital information. The art of resumé writing consists of successfully transferring the story of your professional life onto one page.

Enter the infographic, a tool that visually represents and simplifies complex data. An infographic resumé is a unique way to condense and quantify the information on your resumé. Not to mention it looks slick, temporary and really awesome.

Cheryl Ticne, a Vancouver-based information designer and recent BCIT graduate, has

developed a template for her own infographic resumé (pictured) and has been testing the efficiency of this tool in the workforce.

Ticne says she chose to try this approach to give employers an instant idea of her skills. With the endless submissions of resumés received by HR departments, the infographic resumé makes it easy to process information quickly in an organized and catchy format.

It took Ticne around three days to come up with the initial design for her resumé. The inspiration comes from other designs combined with her own ideas. "It was quite a process for me to finally have a resumé that presented me very well," she says.

This is a familiar struggle amongst job-seekers. The infographic resumé for Ticne is a perfect example of a unique, relevant, and interesting way to present your skills.

One employer even told her that her resumé was at the top of his pile due to its unique and

What it all means

- The numbers on Cheryl Ticne's resumé represent either duration of experience or amount of knowledge, based on her interpretation.
- The purpose of these numbers is to provide a visual comparison of information that gives employers a stronger idea of her strengths.

professional esthetics.

An infographic resumé is not an option limited to those in the field of design or graphics. This format is perfect for individuals who carry a lot of information on their resumé since it helps employers quickly understand exactly what the candidate is about. Incorporating this concept doesn't mean that the entire resumé has to be an infographic, either. Simply



Infographic resumés, like this one by Vancouver designer Cheryl Ticne, can grab employers' attention. CONTRIBUTED

adding a few images can give your resumé a little something extra. Breaking up the sometimes mundane text can really help prevent you from being lost in the black hole of redundant submissions.

We know all too well the importance of having a perfect

resumé. Finding the balance between creativity and professionalism can be the ultimate challenge. Tactics such as adding infographics can be helpful as long as it is in line with the context of the position for which you are applying.

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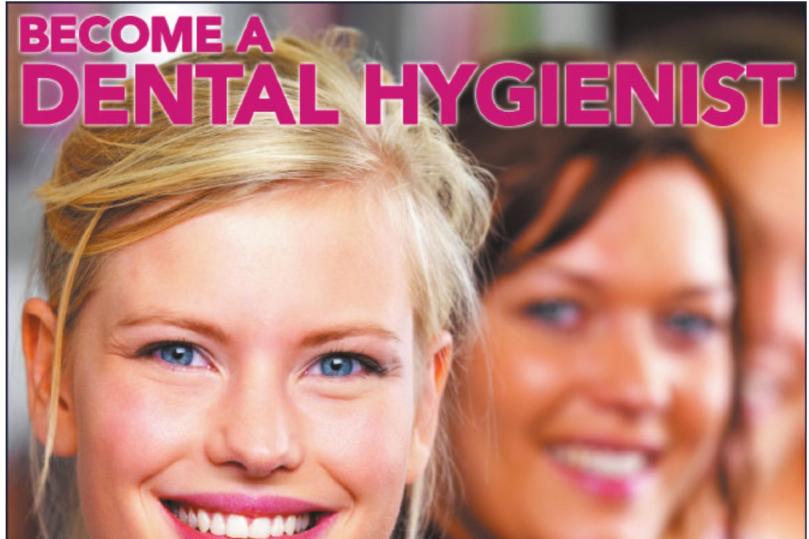
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NHL

Capitals make up ground in division

The Washington Capitals shut down former teammate Alexander Semin, scored a goal with a one-of-a-kind combo and put together a second consecutive impressive performance, beating the Carolina Hurricanes 3-0 Tuesday night in their quest to make a quick last-to-first move in the Southeast Division.

Nicklas Backstrom scored in the first period and supplied the pass for John Erskine's goal in the second — the first Backstrom-to-Erskine score in their six seasons as teammates. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

NHL

Gagne's going back to Philly

The Los Angeles Kings traded Simon Gagne back to the Philadelphia Flyers on Tuesday for a conditional draft pick, sending the struggling left-winger back to the city where he had his greatest NHL success.

Gagne spent his first 10 NHL seasons with the Flyers, but won his first Stanley Cup title last season in Los Angeles after a late-playoff return from a concussion. He hasn't scored a goal in 11 games this season for the Kings, who decided the veteran didn't fit in coach Darryl Sutter's system.

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Simon Gagne with the Los Angeles Kings.
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4 SPORTS

Flames lack killer instinct vs. Wild

NHL Calgary wastes five-and four-minute power-play opportunities in loss in Minnesota

The Minnesota Wild spent almost \$200 million US to sign Zach Parise and Ryan Suter this past off-season. So far, the investment has generated mixed results.

Perhaps Parise's goal 27 seconds into overtime in Tuesday night's comeback 2-1 win over the Calgary Flames will get Minnesota going.

"If we thought that we were just going to sign a couple players and all of a sudden we've arrived, and they were going to open the

On Tuesday

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Wild	Flames

gates, and here we are, a play-off team, that's not reality," Wild coach Mike Yeo said. "It's hard. You have to do a lot of things to be a winner, to find yourself at that point."

Jason Zucker scored for Minnesota with 4:19 left in regulation to send it to overtime.

Calgary's Mark Giordano was then given a delay-of-game penalty with 43 seconds to go. The penalty carried over

into the extra period, and Parise beat goalie Joey MacDonald for the 4-on-3 winner. Parise's goal was only Minnesota's fourth in its last 41 power-play opportunities.

Alex Tanguay scored for the Flames and MacDonald stopped 28 shots.

The Flames went 1-for-7 with the man advantage, and failed to put Minnesota away when given several chances.

Calgary wasted a five-minute power play in the second and a four-minute advantage in the third. It didn't get a shot on either chances and could barely get set up in Minnesota's zone.

"When you waste nine minutes of power play without even getting a shot on net, you don't deserve to win," said

Flames coach Bob Hartley, who abruptly ended his post-game news conference after two questions. "We could have put them away and we didn't."

The Flames got their first shot to take a two-goal lead when Charlie Coyle was given a five-minute major for elbowing Matt Stajan with just over five minutes left in the second.

The Wild killed the penalty and Calgary's power-play frustrations started.

"It was just our execution, plain and simple," Hartley said. "We got outworked. You can't win a battle by yourself, especially when you're on the power play. We got one guy battling and four guys watching. It just doesn't happen like this."

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Jets jump into playoff picture in New York



The Winnipeg Jets are showing the Eastern Conference that they are a play-off threat and tough to beat on the road.

Now the former Atlanta Thrashers need to do the same thing back at home to make it stick.

Olli Jokinen scored twice and Evander Kane had a goal and assist in the second period for the surging Jets, who completed a dominant road trip with a 4-3 victory over the injury-riddled and slumping New York Rangers on Tuesday night.

Winnipeg went 0-3 at

Elsewhere on Tuesday

- Panthers 6, Penguins 4. Tomas Kopecky recorded his first career hat trick, lifting Florida to a 6-4 win over Pittsburgh.
- Bruins 4, Islanders 1. Tuukka Rask dominated in the Boston net as the Bruins played a nearly perfect road game.

home before finding its stride and going 4-1 on its trip.

The Jets' spurt vaulted them past the Rangers, and Winnipeg (9-9-1) is in a three-way tie for eighth place in the East playoff race — one point ahead of 11th-place New York (8-8-2).

"The competition is really tight this year," Jokinen said. "Every game is crucial, every point is crucial. We can be happy, and it's a good feeling now in the room, and we want to keep this, but at the same time we can't lose our focus."

"We're not 10 games over .500, we're .500."

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Romero believes his sinker is key to success

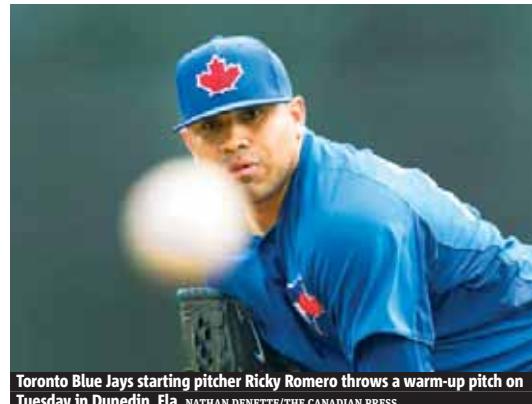
MLB. Jays starter looks to bounce back from roller-coaster 2012

Spring training is like a laboratory for pitchers, and Toronto Blue Jays left-hander Ricky Romero spent his time on the mound Tuesday testing out his sinker.

Teammate Brandon Morrow, using the Internet (brooksbaseball.net) for research, had pointed out that Romero had strayed from his sinker last year — he had thrown it just eight per cent of the time in 2012 against left-handers and 13 per cent against righties, compared to 26 and 21 per cent in 2011.

In all, he used the sinker 11 per cent compared to 22 per cent the previous year.

"Looking at those numbers, they're pretty crazy," said Romero, who has the printout in his locker to prove it.



Toronto Blue Jays starting pitcher Ricky Romero throws a warm-up pitch on Tuesday in Dunedin, Fla. NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

He's not sure what happened, other than he stopped trusting the two-seamer pitch in what turned out to be a roller-coaster year.

On Tuesday, Romero estimated he threw the sinker 90 to 95 per cent of the time in his first outing of the spring — a 8-4 loss to the Minnesota Twins that

dropped Toronto's Grapefruit League record to 2-3.

"(I'm) just trying to get that pitch back and get it under control," said Romero. "But it definitely felt good to be back out there."

Get the sinker back and Romero believes he will "get back to the guy that I was."

"Getting ground balls out and quick outs. It all came

Who will catch Dickey?

The Toronto Blue Jays will decide who catches knuckleballer R.A. Dickey after the World Baseball Classic, says manager John Gibbons.

- Incumbent J.P. Arencibia has insisted he wants to handle Dickey this season, although the Jays have three catchers in camp — Henry Blanco, Josh Thole and Mike Nickeas — who have experience working with Dickey.

off that sinker.... I know if it's down, it's going to be a ground ball more often than not," he added.

Romero had off-season elbow surgery and injections to his knees after a 2012 campaign that saw him suffer a franchise-record 13 consecutive losses after starting the season 8-1.

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NBA

James does it again as Heat run streak to 12 in Sacramento

LeBron James had 40 points and a career-high 16 assists, Dwyane Wade scored 39 and the Miami Heat pushed their winning streak to 12 games by outlasting the Sacramento Kings 141-129 in double overtime on Tuesday night.

Ray Allen added 21, Chris Bosh finished with 15 and Chris Andersen had 10 for the Heat, who remained six games clear of second-place Indiana in the Eastern Conference standings.

Miami's 12-game winning streak is the longest in the NBA and matches the second-

longest in franchise history.

"Our ball club, we don't get rattled, no matter what's going on during the course of the game," James said. "If it's overtime, double-overtime, we find a way to win."

Marcus Thornton scored 36 points for Sacramento, the most by any reserve in the NBA this season. DeMarcus Cousins finished with 24 points and 15 rebounds, Tyreke Evans added 26 points, John Salmons 15 and Isaiah Thomas 14 for the Kings.

James became the first NBA player to finish with at least 40 points and 16 assists since Kevin Johnson — now the mayor of Sacramento — had 42 and 17 for Phoenix against Denver on April 3, 1994. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



In February, LeBron James finished 139 for 217 from the floor for a 64.1 percentage, by far the best shooting month of his career.

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NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	41	14	.745	—
Indiana	36	21	.632	6
New York	33	20	.623	7
Brooklyn	34	24	.586	8½
Atlanta	32	23	.582	9
Chicago	32	25	.561	10
Boston	30	27	.526	12
Milwaukee	27	28	.493	14
Toronto	23	34	.404	19
Philadelphia	22	33	.400	19
Detroit	22	37	.373	21
Cleveland	19	38	.333	23
Washington	18	37	.327	23
Orlando	16	41	.281	26
Charlotte	13	43	.232	28½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	45	13	.776	—
Oklahoma City	41	15	.732	3
L.A. Clippers	40	18	.690	5
Memphis	37	18	.673	6½
Denver	36	22	.621	9
Golden State	33	24	.579	11½
Utah	31	26	.564	13½
Houston	31	27	.534	14
L.A. Lakers	28	30	.483	17
Portland	26	30	.464	18
Dallas	25	31	.446	19
Minnesota	20	34	.370	23
New Orleans	20	38	.345	25
Sacramento	19	39	.328	26
Phoenix	19	39	.328	26

Note: division leaders ranked in top three positions regardless of winning percentage.

TUESDAY'S RESULTS

Indiana 108 Golden State 97
Orlando 98 Philadelphia 84
Miami 141 Sacramento 129 (2OT)
Brooklyn 101 New Orleans 97
Cleveland 101 Chicago 98
Milwaukee 95 Dallas 90
Phoenix 84 Minnesota 83 (OT)
Charlotte at L.A. Clippers

MONDAY'S RESULTS

Washington 90 Toronto 84
Atlanta 114 Detroit 103
Boston 110 Utah 107 (OT)
Denver 119 L.A. Lakers 108
WEDNESDAY'S GAMES — All Times Eastern
Sacramento at Orlando, 7 p.m.
Toronto at Cleveland, 7 p.m.
Detroit at Washington, 7 p.m.
Golden State at New York, 8 p.m.
Milwaukee at Houston, 8 p.m.
New Orleans at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.
Dallas at Memphis, 8 p.m.
Phoenix at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Atlanta at Utah, 9 p.m.
Denver at Portland, 10:30 p.m.

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Pittsburgh	20	13	7	0	69	54	26
New Jersey	19	10	5	4	48	49	24
Philadelphia	21	9	11	1	60	66	19
NY Rangers	18	8	8	2	44	48	18
NY Islanders	20	8	11	1	57	68	17

NORTHEAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Montreal	19	12	4	3	53	41	27
Boston	16	12	2	2	49	35	26
Ottawa	20	12	6	2	48	37	26
Toronto	20	12	8	0	57	46	24
Buffalo	20	7	12	1	50	64	15

SOUTHEAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Carolina	18	9	8	1	50	54	19
Tampa Bay	19	9	9	1	70	60	19
Winnipeg	19	9	9	1	52	60	19
Florida	19	6	9	4	48	69	16
Atlanta	18	7	10	1	51	55	15

Note: A team winning in overtime or shootout is credited with two points and a victory in the W column; the team losing in overtime or shootout receives one point which is registered in the OL (other loss) column.

TUESDAY'S RESULTS

Winnipeg 4 NY Rangers 3

Dallas 5 Columbus 4 (OT)

Washington 3 Carolina 0

Boston 4 NY Islanders 1

Buffalo 2 Tampa Bay 1

Florida 6 Pittsburgh 4

Minnesota 2 Calgary 1 (OT)

Phoenix at Vancouver

Colorado at San Jose

Toronto 4 Philadelphia 2

Ottawa 2 Montreal 1 (SO)

Nashville 95 Dallas 4 (OT)

Chicago 3 Edmonton 2 (OT)

Los Angeles 5 Anaheim 2

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES — All Times Eastern

Washington at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.

Montreal at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.

Detroit at Los Angeles, 10 p.m.

Nashville at Anaheim, 10 p.m.

THURSDAY'S GAMES

Tampa Bay at NY Rangers, 7 p.m.

Toronto at NY Islanders, 7 p.m.

Pittsburgh at Carolina, 7 p.m.

Ottawa at Boston, 7 p.m.

Buffalo at Florida, 7:30 p.m.

New Jersey at Winnipeg, 8 p.m.

Chicago at St. Louis, 8 p.m.

Edmonton at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.

Minnesota at Phoenix, 9 p.m.

Calgary at Colorado, 9 p.m.

Detroit at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.

GOLF

PGA TOUR

WORLD RANKINGS

Through February 26

1. Rory McIlroy	11.66
2. Tiger Woods	8.83
3. Luke Donald	7.25
4. Brandt Snedeker	6.74
5. Louis Oosthuizen	6.35
6. Justin Rose	6.32
7. Adam Scott	5.58
8. Matt Kuchar	5.45
9. Lee Westwood	5.37
10. Ian Poulter	5.23
11. Bubba Watson	5.18
12. Phil Mickelson	5.16
13. Steve Stricker	5.02
14. Charl Schwartzel	4.97
15. Jason Dufner	4.93
16. Webb Simpson	4.81
17. Sergio Garcia	4.77
18. Keegan Bradley	4.75
19. Graeme McDowell	4.58
20. Dustin Johnson	4.56
21. Hunter Mahan	4.52
22. Peter Hanson	4.32
23. Nick Watney	4.25
24. Ernie Els	4.10
25. Bo Van Pelt	4.02

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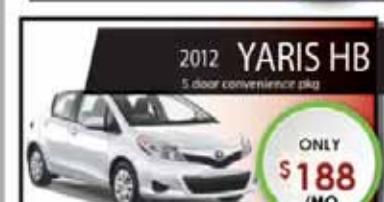
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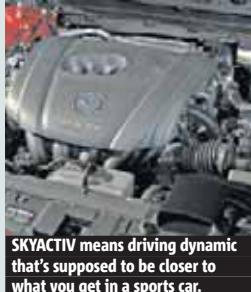
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Review. The more established members of the mid-size sedan class are in for a shock once they spy this car

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For Mazda, shaking up the automotive establishment is all in a day's work.

Always the rebel, Mazda has a reputation for going against the grain in product development. The automaker refuses to offer a hybrid powertrain option, which is tantamount to sacrilege. Instead, it pursues internal-combustion-engine refinement under the SKYACTIV label. The 2013 CX-5 wagon was the first all-new Mazda fitted with this technology (direct fuel injection, etc.) and the recently launched third-edition Mazda6 is following suit.

From most angles the Mazda6 is more expressive than the previous version and closely resembles Mazda's Shinari and Takeri concept cars that revealed a new styling direc-

tion. The front-end treatment is arguably the best looking in this class, while the rest of the car doesn't stray too far from the past and retains the familiar sweep of the roofline and truncated rear.

The new-design Mazda6 sheet metal is the gift-wrapping that hides considerable technological advancements beneath the skin.

Following its initial launch, Mazda will offer a Volkswagen-challenging 2.2-litre four-cylinder turbo-diesel option that also receives the SKYACTIV appellation. It features lowered engine compression that Mazda says makes it clean burning without any nasty particulates exiting the exhaust.

A recent drive in one of Mazda's test mules confirms that the diesel 2.2 generates plenty of torque, but that it also drives just like a gasoline engine without the usual tell-tale clatter normally associated with diesels. Exact power and torque specs will be released closer to launch.

The base GX model that lists for \$26,200, including destination charges, comes with the usual power and comfort



The Mazda6 picks up about five centimetres of space between the front and rear wheels for more passenger room. The total length is cut by about the same amount, which means shorter overhangs and tighter proportions.

ingredients and push-button start. It also comes with a touch-screen display with Bluetooth networking and a rear-view camera.

With its dedicated approach to improving power, reducing overall energy consumption and creating a heartbeat-skipping shell, the Mazda6 will generate plenty of look-sees, or at least make buyers seriously ponder this nifty, thrifty sedan.



The interior is super clean and nicely detailed, although it doesn't scream "look at me!" as much as the outside.

By comparison



1 Honda Accord
Base price: \$25,600



2 Ford Fusion
Base price: \$24,000



3 Nissan Altima
Base price: \$25,300

Parts Department

Whether it's a birthday gift for a friend or loved one or just something for yourself, here are some ideas for unique automotive-inspired presents.

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Gearhead candy

This unique collection of Edible Chocolate Candy Gears from Andie's Specialty Sweets would make the ideal gift for someone who tinkers with the inner workings of vehicles. The basic package includes 50 assorted gears that vary in size. The company states that its gears are made using fair-trade organic ingredients. Andie's confections are also completely devoid of cornstarch, hydrogenated oil, or artificial flavours or colours. They almost sound like health-food items don't they? Each "gear set" sells for US \$42.50 and can be ordered from etsy.com/listing/109115973.

R8 V10, five and under

If it's a ride-on-type car for small fry up to five years of age you're looking for, the playful gang at Pedal Car Express sells more self- and battery propelled varieties than you could ever imagine. One of the neatest is this Italian-made Audi R8 Spyder that's produced under licence and with participation from the automaker itself. The roadster features realistic plastic wheels, outside mirrors and sports steering wheel with all the correct Audi badges and stickers. It also comes with a 12-volt rechargeable battery that propels the R8 to an eight-km-h top speed for up to 1.5 hours. A forward, reverse and neutral shifter is also part of the package. The R8 sells fully assembled for \$509 US. pedalcarexpress.com.



Instant wipe-up

It's quite common for your car's windshield, side, or rear glass to require a quick cleanup from fingerprints, bugs, bird droppings and assorted environmental dirt and grime. That's where ArmorAll Glass Wipes can come in handy. The manufacturer states that these ammonia-free wipes will remove tough messes without streaking and will remain damp for up to a year (not recommended for use on glass that has added plastic-tinted film). To use, simply wipe over the glass surface and let dry. A 25-pack of Glass Wipes sells for about \$10 US and is available through most department or auto-parts stores. For complete product info, go to armorall.com.

Shelby on a roll

You might not be able to afford a Shelby Mustang GT500, but you could still take a Shelby on a trip. This solid-frame carry-on bag is made of ballistic-grade nylon with attached telescoping handle and rolls on sporty cast-alloy-style wheels. Auto racing legend Carroll Shelby's signature is embroidered on the bag and a cast-metal GT500 logo is in plain view. The bag sells for \$80 US, or you can order a three-piece set of Shelby luggage that includes a duffel and smaller tote for \$209 US. worldclassmotoring.com.



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Just kick it: Ford opens the liftgate

Driving Force.

Company finds solution to a common errand running problem

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If you've ever had to put down an armload of groceries so you could open your vehicle's liftgate, you probably think there must be a better way.

Ford agreed, and its new Escape and C-Max Hybrid models can be equipped with a hands-free electric liftgate that opens when you have the key fob in your pocket, and you kick your foot under the rear bumper.

"There are two sensors, one underneath where the fascia wraps around, and one at the rear," says Kaci Hrynewich, program management at Ford Motor Company.

"These create a field that

Liftgate facts

- The earliest power "liftgates" were on station wagons. In 1971, full-size GM wagons had two-piece power tailgates, where the window slid up into the roof, and the bottom gate slipped down under the floor.
- Ford's hands-free liftgate underwent hundreds of tests, including extreme heat and cold, snow and rain, and being hit with shopping carts and toys to ensure it would only open under the right conditions.

is disturbed when a foot (is placed) in it, and both of those sensors have to have that detection in order for them to 'talk' to the module to open the liftgate."

The theory behind the liftgate is relatively simple — it uses motion technology similar to that in some

video games — but actually putting it into a production model was more of a challenge.

"We have multiple components all coming together, so we had to figure out how far away you have to be," Hrynewich says. "We had to try it with the metallic paint on our colour palette to make sure the sensor field wouldn't be affected by it."

"We also had a tight packaging space, which was a concern because we couldn't put (the module) too close to a bumper beam, because it's conductive and it wouldn't work. It's easy to look at the guidelines for the system, but then you have to put them into the vehicle you're trying to engineer, and we had to package that and make sure it still functioned properly."

Each of the two sensors has a specific function. One senses that your leg is there, while the other detects the motion, and both have to be triggered by the kicking motion in order for the liftgate to open or close.

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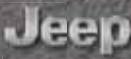


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2002 to 2012
Mercedes-Benz SL

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Few machines embody world-class comfort, premium sophistication and advanced performance quite like the Mercedes-Benz SL. A two-seat convertible designed for comfortable, high-speed, top-optimal travels, it was available in its last full generation from 2002 to 2012.

Feature content for this luxo-rocket included a fully motorized power roof, navigation, heated leather seats with the 'airscarf' neck-warmer system, Bluetooth, premium audio by Harman Kardon, driver-selectable suspension and plenty more.

Common Issues

Complaints tended to deal with noises, like squeaks and rattles, as the car ages. System malfunctions, which are typically referenced by a message in the instrument cluster, are also somewhat well documented. Be sure none of these messages are present on the model you're test-driving.

Listen for a metallic "clanging" sound from the rear of the vehicle as it comes to rest, or while it's resting shortly after being stopped. Numerous owners have reported issues with baffles breaking off inside



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the fuel tank and floating noisily around. It's a pricey repair.

Ensure the motorized top works as expected, completing several full "open" and "close" cycles and listening for any binding, hesitation or strain. The roof should open smoothly and quietly.

Avoid models with the ABC suspension. This system will eventually wear down and break, resulting in a big repair bill.

Engine



Look for V8 power on most models, with power ranging from 302 to just under 500 horses. Automatic transmissions and rear-wheel drive were fitted to all models.

What owners like



Head-tuning factor, on-road presence and performance were the SL's most highly-rated assets, according to many owners. Plenty of on-board storage and all-around comfort were also commented upon positively. This is a two-seater that's road-trip ready.

What owners dislike



Fuel consumption and maintenance costs were among the most common complaints of the SL.

The SL is loved for many things, but low maintenance costs aren't among them. Take any SL you're considering strongly to a Mercedes mechanic for a comprehensive inspection. You're spending big bucks on this car — so don't cheap out on the inspection.

Verdict

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Horoscopes

Aries

March 21 - April 20

This would be a good day to clarify your ambitions and to let those in positions of power and authority know that unless they offer you something better you will be looking elsewhere. Say it and mean it.

Taurus

April 21 - May 21

It's time to get tough with someone who has been taking liberties. Yes, of course, you could blame yourself for allowing the situation to drag on so long but ultimately it's their fault, not yours, so speak up.

Gemini

May 22 - June 21

You may need to backtrack a little today if you don't want to fall out with a friend or work colleague. OK, so you believe that what you said was true but did you have to be so sarcastic about it?

Cancer

June 22 - July 23

Be honest with loved ones today, even if what you have to tell them is not what they want to hear. If they mean something to you then you must make sure they see the light — for their own good.

Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

A new health or fitness program could be just what you need to get yourself moving again, physically and mentally. And stick with it this time. It won't be long before you see some seriously encouraging results.

Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

You may be surprised by what happens today but don't just stand there or you could miss out on an opportunity to benefit from unexpected changes. And don't feel guilty if you gain from someone else's misfortune.

Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

You may find it hard to turn down a call for assistance but it's necessary. If you don't, you will find yourself doing things for others that they really should be doing for themselves. Don't let them take advantage.

Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

The planets will give you the courage you require to start something you have been yearning to do for ages. Great changes are taking place all around you but don't be afraid: They are the kind of changes you need.

Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

Don't stop thinking and don't stop looking for ways to improve your position in life. Over the next few days there will be more than one opportunity to make money from sudden events. If you don't then someone else will.

Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

An idea that pops into your head out of nowhere may be outrageous, but the more you allow yourself to think about it the more you will like it. Some say you are too cautious to take risks. Prove them wrong.

Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

There are so many changes going on that even the most adventurous of Aquarians may be wondering where it is all going to end. But change never ends — you know that. Make change your friend.

Pisces

Feb. 20 - March 20

If you approach a difficult problem from an unusual angle today you may be surprised how simple the answer is. If you are still stuck though you should ask someone you trust.

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Weather

TODAY

THURSDAY

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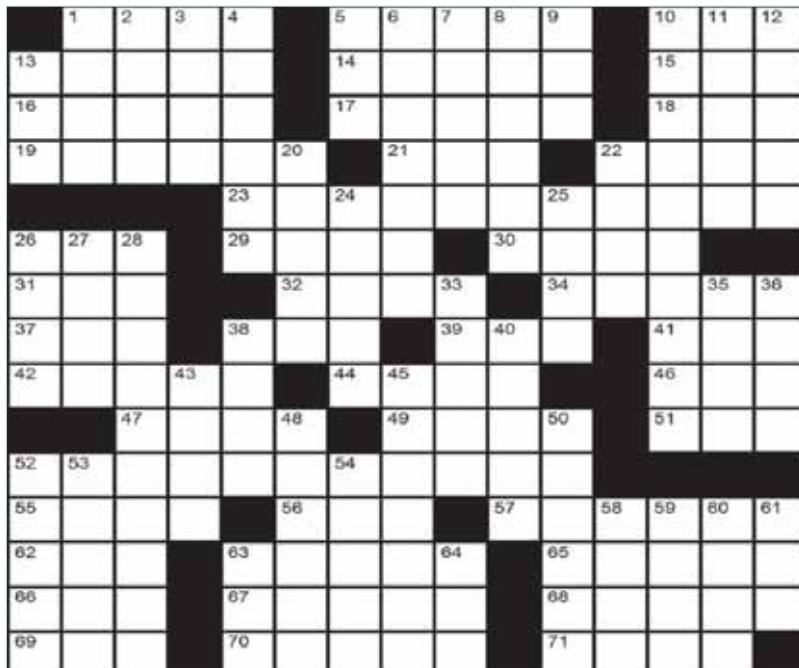
**But the Lord says,
"I will fight those who fight you,
and I will save your children".**

(Isaiah 49:25)

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Crossword: Canada Across and Down

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN



Across

1. Bell's loud ring
5. Fab Four's famous Road
10. Roll of grass
13. Ancient Greek colony
14. Irish writer, James __
15. 'Fort' finisher (Luck)
16. Montreal's __ Royal
17. Illegally sell tickets
18. Point
19. Gauge
21. Bambi's aunt
22. Train sound, when repeated
23. "Try Honesty" band: 2 wds.
26. Ms. Simpson, for short
29. Holler!
30. Curved music symbol
31. Aunt's li'l husband
32. Horse's pace
34. Recounts
37. Ski__
38. Jewel
39. Filmmaker, John __
41. Archery skill
42. Computer chip company
44. Aid and __
46. Modern
47. Really mad
49. Pro __ (In proportion)
51. Made a hole in the ground
52. Canadian fashion journalist born in Toronto: 2 wds.
55. City, in Latin
56. 'M' of PM, for short
57. The __ Family (Celtic music group)
62. Writer Mr. Levin
63. Blue Rodeo singer Jim
65. Dutch cheese
66. Defraud
67. Nymph of Greek mythology
68. Ms. Winfrey
69. Antlered animal
70. Actor Sean's surnamesakes
71. Profits

3. Kate Hudson movie musical

4. F. Scott Fitzgerald novel, The Great __

5. Mr. McLean's of the Backstreet Boys

6. "The Prayer" duo: Celine Dion & Andrea __

7. "Not __" stretch of the imagination."

8. Acclamations

9. "Uh-huh."

10. Donald or Kiefer

11. Tears-inducer

12. The Home __

13. The Monkees hit: " __ "

Believer"

20. Warfare attack

22. Hint

24. Animal of The Andes

25. __ sax

26. Dame __ Dench

27. 'Phenom' ending

28. Financial institution founded in Halifax in 1832

33. Fine-tune

35. Stead

36. City haze

38. Type of valley

40. Sea __ (Cute mammal)

43. Sea eagles [var. sp.]

45. Actor Mr. Fraser

48. Bashful

50. Catherine of __ (King Henry VIII's first wife)

52. Orange __

53. Film legend Mr. Flynn

54. Vice President Joe __

58. Negative reply

59. Mr. Russell

60. Filmmaker Ms. Lupino, and others

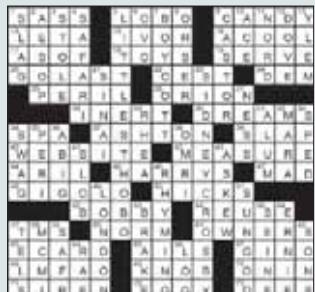
61. "Uh-uh."

63. Crime fighter

64. Li'l length units

Sudoku

Yesterday's Crossword



How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

Yesterday's Sudoku

2	5	4	8	7	1	6	3	9
6	8	1	3	9	5	4	2	7
3	9	7	4	6	2	8	1	5
5	2	6	9	1	7	3	8	4
6	1	3	5	4	6	7	9	2
7	4	9	2	3	8	5	6	1
4	6	8	1	5	9	2	7	3
9	3	2	7	8	4	1	5	6
1	7	5	6	2	3	9	4	8

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	2	3		6	
1		5	6		
9			3	2	6
			2		
1	3	8			9
			2	9	
4			8	5	
7	5			2	8

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- Southeast**
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